

Abstract of the Disclosure

[030] Our current invention is an improvement of our pending United States application 09/961417. As previously disclosed, the blocking device (203) provides read and write protection for computer long-term storage devices (205), such as hard drives. The blocking device is placed between a host computer (201) and the storage device (205). The blocking device (203) intercepts communications between the host (201) and the storage device (205) and examines any commands from the host to the storage device. Certain commands, such as commands that may modify the storage device, may be discarded.

[031] Our current invention improves 09/961417 by enabling multiple host computers (1011, 1012, 1013...) to communicate to the blocking device (203). Our current invention further improves 09/961417 by selectively blocking only specified host computers.